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Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy
Hotel Carlisle
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Kennedy,

When I published my book WHITEWASH: THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT, I sent you a copy with a letter of explanation on the chance your secretaries would consider this a matter for your personal attention. Then and in writing you now it is not my purpose to cause you additional suffering. Rather is it an effort to cause you less, for I think there are now additional possibilities for hurt.

It should be apparent first to your secretaries and then, I hope, to you, that I seek and ask nothing of you. I am, however, quite concerned about the possibility (to me a certainty) of harm from error in the Manchester book. I have followed his public statements, read the introduction when it was published, and have spoken to those who have had access to the book. And I think there are few people who know more about the subject than I, possibly none about some aspects of it. Because this is a complicated thing there are many people who think they understand, think they know, and do not. It is possible for a persuasive expert, with the best of intentions, to mis-inform and not believe he is doing so. There is much confabulation on this subject.

Aside from the content of my book I have continued my work. I now have a rough draft of a sequel which tells more of the story and has the intent of saying who did the whitewashing and how it was accomplished. I think it succeeds, very strongly. It may not, as did the first, require private publication.

Without intending any disrespect for Mr. Manchester and his great skills and reputation, I should like to suggest that he is neither infallible nor the only man with analytical and investigatory skills. I ask you to consider the reaction should he espouse a single major wrong conclusion about either the assassination or the investigation.

In any event, I want you to know of the existence of my new work and to once again offer access to it to anyone not of closed mind and who enjoys your confidence, for which I ask only the preservation of my confidence and rights. This extends to all of my documentation, and it is extensive.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg